

House Resolution No. 2280

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Leonard Sova, an esteemed resident of St. Charles, Missouri, who has distinguished himself as a semi-finalist in the 17TH Annual Missouri Outstanding Older Worker Contest; and

Whereas, the annual event seeks to honor a Missouri resident who is fifty-five years of age or older, gainfully employed at a Missouri job for an average of twenty or more hours per week, and displays dependability, loyalty, new skills, and self-motivation on the job; and

Whereas, recognition activities for the 2007 semi-finalists and their employers will include tours of the Capitol Building and Governor's Mansion, meetings with elected officials, and lunch at the Governor's Mansion, during which the statewide winner will be announced; and

Whereas, Leonard Sova is one of fourteen semi-finalists who will attend the annual event April 26-27, 2007, in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, Leonard Sova is employed by Lake St. Charles Retirement and Assisted Living Apartments, located on Honey Locust Lane, in St. Charles, in the capacity of liaison for new residents, although the responsibilities he assumes go much farther than the title suggests; and

Whereas, Leonard Sova fulfills the essential duties of showing new residents where the exercise room and beauty shop are located, where to buy postage stamps, how to order groceries, how to use the library, how to operate the elevators, and the like, but he goes the extra step, using the electric car to shuttle residents in the rain or visitors to wherever they need to go to find a loved-one, teaching an exercise class, and encouraging residents with his infectious and omnipresent enthusiasm for life; and

Whereas, Leonard Sova is known for his devotion to exercise, as he has actively participated in the Senior Olympics for the last twenty-eight years, ran a marathon at the age of fifty-eight, completed ten triathlons in recent years, and been a member of the St. Louis Track Club for twenty-five years; and

Whereas, Leonard Sova is the proud father of six children and loving grandfather of six grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, extend our most hearty congratulations to Leonard Sova at this proud moment of well deserved distinction; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Leonard Sova, of St. Charles, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Joe Smith
District No. 14

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2280, adopted April 18, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker